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A copy of the listed document(s) required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document(s) be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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